

69: In light of the fact that many Small Disadvantaged Business have subcontractors, would the DOE consider removing the Prior Performance of the Teams and the Transition Plan from the currently allowable pages (50) or increasing the page count accordingly?

Answer: No. The RFP Section L.14(b)(3) does not require a Transition Plan be submitted with the proposal. It is not clear what is meant by "Prior Performance of the Teams." If you mean the experience requirements, the information that must be submitted is contained in L.14(b)(2) and will remain within the 50 page count limitation. If you mean past performance questionnaires, the questionnaires will be excluded from the 50 page count limitation and the solicitation will be amended to reflect this change.

70: Will DOE provide office space for the entire contract project team or will the contractor be responsible for securing office space for the duration of the contract?

Answer: Office space available to the infrastructure contractor is listed in attachments C(1) and C(2) to Section J. The contractor will be responsible for obtaining any offsite space that may be needed to perform the work under the contract.

71: Will DOE provide a redacted independent cost estimate (ICE)?

Answer: No.

72: Page C-25, Section N (Support to DOE). The example here appears to apply to the Portsmouth infrastructure contract, not the Paducah contract. Are there USEC contracts with DOE at the Paducah site?

Answer: There is not a DOE contract with USEC at the Paducah Site; however, there is a DOE lease to USEC. The infrastructure contractor will provide technical and administrative assistance to DOE in accordance with the SOW.

73: J. Page H-11, Section H.11: The most recent edition of this standard is NQA-1 (2000); however the 1983 version of the NQA-1 standard identified. Is this the intent of DOE or should the most recent edition of the NQA-1 standard be applied to the scope of work?

Answer: It is DOE's intent that the most recent version of the NQA-1 be utilized. The current version is 2001. The solicitation will be amended.

74: N. In Section L-12 (f)(1) (page L-14), you state that only the solicitation number, page number, and FAR legend can be displayed within the 1-inch margin. Could such information as electronic file name, date, volume number,

proposal title, and name of company proposing also be included in these margins?

Answer: Yes, the solicitation will be amended.

75: The first paragraph of Section L 12 (d) (page L-13) states that “electronic media versions of proposal files are to be formatted...” Are offerors to submit electronic versions of all volumes or just of Volume III, Cost?

Answer: Electronic versions are required only of proposal Volume III. The solicitation will be amended.

76: Page L-15, Section L.12(i): The text indicates that a cross-reference matrix will be used and a template is attached to the section; however, there is no such attachment. Is it the intent of DOE to supply a cross-reference matrix or the responsibility of the Offeror to create one?

Answer: This question has been answered previously.

77: Page L-17, Section L.13(b)5. The RFP states that a list of incumbent subcontracts is located at <http://www.ohio.doe.gov> under procurement action DE-RP24-04OH20178; however, such a list cannot be found. Where can we find a list of incumbent subcontracts?

Answer: DOE will post the list as soon as it is available.

78: The RFP transmittal letter (dated 11/26/03, signed by Shirley C. Vogel) indicates that the government intends to evaluate proposals and award contracts without discussions with Offerors. This intent is repeated in Section L of the RFP. Without oral interviews of key personnel, how will the government then assess the technical and management capabilities of the key personnel proposed by Offerors?

Answer: Refer to RFP at L.14(b)(1) for submittal requirements relative to key personnel and at M.2, Criterion 1, sub-factor Key Personnel for what will be evaluated.

79: Will the DOE penalize the contractor if a legacy security non-compliance is identified during execution of the scope of work?

Answer: It is not clear how you are defining “legacy”. If a non-compliance is solely due to past contractor actions, the answer is no. The new contractor will be responsible for its own actions/inactions regarding the noncompliance.

80: Transmittal Letter & B-2, Paragraph 3 & B.2(c), Paragraph 3 “Offeror shall propose estimated cost, fixed fee for the first four months after the transition

period” and B.2(c) “The Fixed Fee for the first two months of performance of the contract”: We presume that B.2(c) governs?

Answer: Yes, B.2(c) is correct.

81: Portsmouth – Who is responsible for the security guard service? (It does not appear to be in the infrastructure contracts.)

Answer: Protective forces services are a service performed by USEC which DOE is providing to the infrastructure contractor as GFSI (see Section J, Attachment F).

82: Will the selected contractor be required to adopt current PACE union collective bargaining agreement pay rates and benefit plans?

Answer: The requirements regarding Collective Bargaining agreements are stated in the RFP. See, e.g., Section H.20. The Contractor is required to comply with the National Labor Relations Act and the Service Contract Act.

83: Work force transition – Approximately how many employees are included in the “grand fathered” employee group? How many preference-eligible employees?

Answer – Guidance will be issued.

84: H.5, Personnel Security Clearances, It is our understanding the requirement for contractor personnel on the contracts to have security clearances is a post-award requirement, and therefore is not necessary for proposed personnel to have active security clearances for contract award. Is this assumption correct?

Answer: It is not necessary for proposed personnel to have active clearances in order for an offeror to propose.

85: Regarding Work Control: Is subcontractor to use Contractor’s existing Work Control System?

Answer: It is not clear what is meant by the term “subcontractor.” The infrastructure contractor shall develop and execute an Integrated Safety Management System Description and the ISMSD shall be prepared in accordance with the clause entitled "Integration of Environment, Safety and Health into Work Planning and Execution." The infrastructure contractor’s "Project Control System" must meet section H.1 of the RFP and be compliant with DOE O 413.3. Use of an existing Project Control System is not mandated in the SOW.

86: Regarding Work Control: Will USEC be responsible for Criticality Accident Alarm System (CAAS)?

Answer: USEC will be responsible for Criticality Accident Alarm System operation, maintenance and testing.

87: Page H-15, Section H.20 "Work Force Transition and Human Resources Management (text to be provided at a later date)": To aid in our proposal planning process, could DOE provide the planned release date of the Work Force Transition and Human Resources Management?

When will the text for Section H.20 Work Force Transition and Human Resources Management be available for review by offerors?

Answer: This clause was posted in Amendment 1 A to the RFP.

88: Presently DOE furnishes onsite facilities for "infrastructure scope." In J Attachment C(2), these facilities are given to the Remediation contractor. Is this an oversight and may some of the facilities be used by the Infrastructure contractor?

Answer: It is assumed that this refers to office and operating space. The distribution of facilities for the scope of this solicitation will be verified.

89: When will a map/site layout be provided to prospective bidders?

Answer: The maps are being reviewed by DOE Security. The maps will be posted on the website when available.

90: Section J, Attachment C(2), S&M, Janitorial, Pest Control Division of Responsibility: To help us better understand DOE's intentions, would DOE provide its basis or rationale for the division of responsibilities shown in this attachment?

Answer: The infrastructure contractor will perform basic site services while the remediation contractor is assigned the facilities for which it has work responsibility.

91: In K.4(a)(2), the NAICS code states \$23 Million, in L it is stated as \$30 million. Which is correct?

Answer: \$30 Million. The solicitation will be amended.

92: Page K-17, Section K.14, by completing and submitting a proposal/bid via IIPS: Submittal via IIPS is not mentioned elsewhere in the RFP, why is this certification required?

Answer: The solicitation will be amended to delete the phrase “via Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS).”

93: Please identify the SSO, members and advisors to the SEB.

Answer: DOE will not identify these personnel. Offerors should contact the Contracting Officer if they need information about the solicitation.

94: Does the funding profile include costs not paid to the successful offeror?

Answer: The funding profile in B.3 is only for the requirements stated in the solicitation.

95: What is the relationship between the infrastructure contractor and the EM remediation contractor?

Answer: The infrastructure services contractor for each site provides services necessary to site operations in accordance with the terms and conditions of the solicitation. The infrastructure contractor must work with the remediation contractor to coordinate services.

96: Will you entertain other questions and respond if they are submitted at a later date?

Answer: Yes. Additional questions may be submitted up until two weeks prior to the proposal due date.

97: Will you please give an order of magnitude of FTEs and dollars for each item on the SOW now? Without this order of magnitude idea, then the offeror that has support of the incumbent contractor would have an unfair advantage re: cost proposal.

Answer: Information relating to some of the above is or may be placed on the web site. However, the DOE wants the offeror to propose its own number of FTEs and its own costs necessary to perform, not another contractor's.

98: Will the Preproposal conference attendees be posted?

Will DOE publish this list [Preproposal Conference attendees] on the web?

Will the [preproposal] sign in sheets be made available?

Answer: Yes. No objections were received concerning the posting of such information.

99: Who performs laboratory analysis currently? Is this done in GDP facilities or is it subcontracted? If subcontracted, to whom is it subcontracted?

Answer: USEC performs most of these services currently. The infrastructure contractor is not mandated to have USEC perform these services and, therefore, these services are not provided as GFSI.

100: Would the winner of this contract be considered to have a conflict of interest with the closure contractor since this contractor (infrastructure) would work for DOE to support closure?

Answer: The question is not clear, but the answer should be no.

101: Will the DOE retain use of C-103 for federal employees?

Answer: Yes.

102: Will any facilities be available onsite for office personnel of the infrastructure contractor?

Answer: Currently, the onsite office space provided for the infrastructure contractor use is designated in a note at the end of the applicable J attachment (C(1) or C(2)).

103: At Portsmouth, who are the incumbent subcontractors and what are their scopes? How many FTEs doe each provide? What labor categories are involved?

Answer: A list of subcontracts will be posted. Historical data has been posted.

104: At Portsmouth, how many person hours/year are estimated to be required – by category?

Answer: Historical data has been posted. Offerors should propose the person hours/years they determine to be necessary.

105: When is the deadline for receiving questions?

Answer: Two weeks prior to the proposal due date.

106: How will DOE manage integration of the remediation and infrastructure contracts?

Answer: This question is not relevant to submission of proposals for the infrastructure procurement; however, the contractor is required to comply with the terms and conditions of the RFP.

107: Are there certifications, licenses required for ESH team members? CSP, CHP, CIH, etc.

Answer: Each offeror must comply with the solicitation requirements applicable to ES&H when developing its program (see for example, statements of work C.1 or C.2, part V.K.).

108: What is the nature of the interface between the infrastructure contractor, EM contractors, and USEC?

Answer: The nature of the interface is the result of activities to be performed under this solicitation.

109: Is bonding required?

Answer: Bonding requirements, if any, are stated in the solicitation.

110: Will 03 & 04 Budget for each site be provided?

Answer: No.

111: Will a list of bidders be established?

Answer: No; however, a list of preproposal conference attendees and site tour attendees will be posted.

112: Will current organization charts for BJC be provided?

Answer: Please refer to http://www.bechteljacobs.com/pdf/org_bjc.pdf

113: Will USEC be allowed to team exclusively with leased DOE facilities?

Answer: The question is not clear.

114: What disciplines should be anticipated for an ESH team? All those that are currently provided by BJC/subs, or will some only be relevant for the remediation contract? E.g., Nuclear safety, Senior Health Physicists, Industrial Hygienist.

Answer: Offerors should propose based on the statements of work and the terms and conditions of the solicitation.

115: Reference L.15(c)(3), if an LLC is formed by two entities, do you want "indirect cost data do each entity" for the two forming companies, or just the LLC?

Answer: Both, i.e. data from each entity/company forming the LLC and the LLC itself.

116: Does the Contractor have to have an audited NQA-1 program and have done work under it to be compliant with the requirements of the RFP?

Answer: The question is unclear regarding the phrase “an audited NQA-1 program.” The QA infrastructure contractor will have to establish a program for this contract and the program will then be reviewed by DOE. The person the contractor uses to perform quality inspections and testing has to be qualified, and person the contractor uses as the Lead Auditor has to be qualified as specified in NQA-1. As one example, the Lead Auditor has to have performed five quality assurance audits within the last 3 years. For further details see ASME NQA-1.